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Applicants respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$180.00 that was charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0089 on March 15, 2004 in connection with the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement on March 12, 2004.

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Please make payment of the refund to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the following documents are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent No. 2620353 as cited and discussed on page 1 of the specification;

English language abstract of Japanese Patent No. 2620353; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,657,155 to Abe, et al., issued on December 2, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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